



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

SPECIAL MEETING

April 7, 2009

Crowley Lake Community Center

6:15 p.m. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Reid

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Farnetti

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Fred Stump: Asked the Board to agendaize reauthorization of the wood waste voucher program at the dump. The program is becoming established, and it is a positive way to get people to create defensible space. Supervisor Reid: This item will be on the Board's April 14th agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1a) Trout Stocking Information for 2009 (report provided by Department of Fish and Game)

ACTION: Receive information and provide any desired direction to staff.

Dan Lyster: The information in the Board's packet was provided by Bruce Kinney, Department of Fish and Game. The projections are about what was expected; stocking won't vary much from last year.

Supervisor Farnetti: Budget constraints may impact the stocking schedule. Lyster said he asked Bruce Kinney to keep him informed if this is going to happen.

1b) Workshop presented by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power; Quagga Mussel Prevention Program (Brian Tillemans and Lori Gillem)

ACTION: Receive presentation and provide any desired direction to staff.

Clarence Martin, Brian Tillemans, and Lori Gillem presented a video about the Quagga Mussel and its impact. Invasive species present problems, and the Quagga Mussel is posing a real threat to fisheries. The mussel substantially increases maintenance costs of DWP facilities. Prevention is the best option. A PowerPoint presentation provided additional information specific to Mono County.

- DWP's objective is to have an aggressive prevention program at Crowley Lake by inspecting boats prior to launching.
- DWP wants to implement an effective program while maintaining the recreational fishing industry.
- Various agencies have made a commitment to cooperate.
- DWP is taking measures now to prevent boats from launching in Crowley Lakes prior to being inspected.
- County support is needed to help enforce a prevention program. DWP would like the Board to consider adopting an ordinance designating legal launching sites.
- A prevention program mitigates liability for infestations down stream.
- If the public does not cooperate, DWP will not allow private boats to launch in Crowley Lake.

Answers to Board questions:

- The mussels can live out of water 5-30 days depending on the climate.
- Grant Lake is a concern, but it is out of DWP's control; the lake is on Forest Service land.
- Enforcement can potentially be a big job for the County.
- DWP controls 100% of Crowley Lake; none of the surrounding area is BLM land.
- Would like to have an ordinance in place shortly after fishing opener.
- An interagency group could assist with discussing solutions.

Ralph Obenberger: Most of the lakes in Mono County are on Forest Service land so the Forest Service will have to work with concessionaires to make an inspection program viable.

Supervisor Hazard: Mono County has issues with multiple jurisdictions, so regulating the shoreline would be problematic. Jurisdictional issues become less problematic if the County just regulates surface water using the Harbors and Navigation Code.

Supervisor Reid: The County needs an inventory of all the lakes, including owners and operators, so stakeholders can become educated.

The Board indicated it was willing to consider the possibility of an ordinance but first wanted staff to evaluate different options for such an ordinance and to meet with representatives of LADWP to discuss issues of common concern before returning to the Board with a recommendation. Supervisor Hazard will participate in and represent the Board in those discussions with LADWP.

ADJOURN: 7:55 p.m.

Prior to adjourning, Supervisor Bauer asked the Board to agendaize a matter concerning the low water level in Grant Lake. A concessionaire at the lake would like to come to the Board and discuss water flows.

Mono County Board of Supervisor's next regular meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 14, 2009**, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers, County Courthouse, Bridgeport, California.

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